

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 385

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the officers and members of the Murfreesboro Lions Club on the occasion of the Club's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to commend those public service organizations whose members have banded together to serve their community, state, and nation through service projects and other activities of regional, national, and even international scope; and

WHEREAS, the Murfreesboro Lions Club is one such organization, and it will be observing its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International is the largest volunteer service organization in the world; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement of Lions Clubs International includes the noble objectives to create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation and to otherwise promote the principles of good government and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Murfreesboro Lions Club was chartered on June 16, 1933, with Dr. R.A. Nausley serving as Charter President over the twenty-three founding members; and

WHEREAS, the estimable members of the Murfreesboro Lions Club endeavor to serve their community in numerous ways; the Club's primary charge over the past seventy-five years has been assisting those with visual problems, especially among youth and schoolchildren, this goal is accomplished through a number of impressive projects; and

WHEREAS, the civic efforts of the Murfreesboro Lions include the screening of children for sight impairments; in the past fifteen years alone, the Club has spent more than \$100,000 for eyeglasses for the needy and screened approximately 65,000 children for sight impairments; and

WHEREAS, since the Murfreesboro Lions Club purchased its first eyeglasses for an indigent child in 1940, 6,000 additional children have been fitted; the club also has assisted many blind citizens in acquiring guide dogs and walking canes and even helped one blind youth a start in business; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the success of Club fundraisers, such as the annual pancake and sausage sales, food booths at the International Horse Show, monthly fish fries, and the annual Uncle Dave Macon Days Fish Fry; the Murfreesboro Lions have contributed more than \$1 million to sight service programs and another \$1 million to various civic enterprises over the course of their seventy-five years; and

WHEREAS; recently, the members of the Murfreesboro Lions Club also have dedicated their time and energies to building the Kids Castle and a Habitat for Humanity house, to assisting the Discovery Center, and to providing relief assistance to victims of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving the needs of their community locally, the members of the Murfreesboro Lions Club are an active and vital part of Lions International; not only has the Club produced twelve District Governors, but it also contributed the services of Billy Pearson, who served as International Director, to the benefit of Lions the world over; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Murfreesboro Lions Club is a clear demonstration of the admirable Lions International motto: "We Serve!"; and

WHEREAS, the achievements of the Murfreesboro Lions Club are clearly worthy of this legislative body's commendation and thanks; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with the officers and members of the Murfreesboro Lions Club in celebrating seventy-five years of superior accomplishments and outstanding service to their community, the State of Tennessee, this Nation, and the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank the Murfreesboro Lions for their many contributions and offer them our best wishes for much continued success and satisfaction in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.